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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL **PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

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Attorney Docket No.:	01053
Inventor(s):	JUSTIN et al.
Title:	TRANSPORT SYSTEM FOR TEST SAMPLE CARRIER
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APPLICATION ELEMENTS (See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents)

[X]	1.	43 pages of Specification, 7 pages of Claims (# of claims: 19) & Abstract;
[X]	2.	Drawings (35 USC 113) Total Number of Figures: 34 Total Number of Sheets: 31
[X]	3.	Declaration and Power of Attorney [X] a. Newly executed (original or copy) [] b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)).
[]	4.	The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
[]	5.	Preliminary Amendment
[X]	6.	Fee Transmittal (see below)

	Claims Filed		Extra		s	MALL	L	ARGE	AMOUNT
					\$	385.00	\$	770.00	\$ 770.00
Total Claims	19	Minus 20	0	X	\$	9.00	\$	18.00	\$ 00.00
Independent	4	Minus 03	1	x	\$	43.00	\$	86.00	\$ 86.00
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[]	7.	Small Entity Statement [] Statement filed in prior application, status still proper and desired.						
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Respectfully submitted,

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